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don't fault Senator Wickersham for trying to defeat the bill. That's...that's the tough part about being a committee Chair sometimes. The broadcasters are not a group that are here year in, year out. They're here very rarely. And this is...this bill has been watered down considerably and now the exemption is cut in half. If we'd all cut our Select File bills in half there probably would be room for everything. I appreciate your patience as they're hard debates, makes you think. That's the great thing about serving in the Legislature the last few days, is that when we're all done those tough decisions you look back on and say, you know, those are...those are just excruciating things to have to do from time to time, but there is a good policy for doing this. And those licenses are covenant. There will be other people that will come or they will go away because there's other broadband widths that can be acquired.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: I would hope that you would vote for the advancement of this bill. I appreciate particularly Senator Beutler, who took time to come down and work on reducing it by half of the exemption. Right now, the fiscal note I think shows \$900,000. That should be reduced probably in half because of the half amendment, so that's the impact on this year's budget. I'd hope you'd vote for the advancement of the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. The house is under call and all are present or accounted for. The question before the body is advancement of LB 171 to E & R for engrossing. Senator Chambers has requested a roll call vote. Mr. Clerk, please call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal pages 1220-1221.) 25 ayes, 19 nays on the advancement, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 171 does advance to E & R for engrossing. Mr. Clerk, next item. I do raise the call.

CLERK: Mr. President,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Items for the record, Mr. Clerk.